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SUBJECT: QATARI REQUEST FOR 105MM ARTILLERY AND OTHER
EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) DOHA 187, (B) STATE 244719

1. DEFENSE HAS JUST CONCLUDED PREPARATION OF PRICE AND
AVAILABILITY DATA ON 105MM HOWITZERS, AND 116MM RECOILLESS
RIFWES. WE ARE SEEKING POLICY DETERMINATION ON RELEASE
THESE WEAPONS TO QATAR WITHIN FRAMEWORK OUR LOWER GULF
ARMS SALE POLICY

(PARA 2, REFTTEL B), AND WILL COMPLETE
THIS PROCESS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE

2. WE WILL TRANSMIT P. & A. DATA TO YOU PROMPTLY IF
POLICY DETERMINATION IS POSITIVE. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU
SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT LETTERS OF OFFER FOR THESE OR
OTHER ITEMS CAN ONLY BE PREPARED AND RELEASED TO YOU FOR
GOQ PURSUANT TO FORMAL GOQ REQUEST FOR THESE WEAPONS.

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3. FYI AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS REQUESTED BY ATTIIYAH ARE

OBSOLESCENT, AND CAN NO LONGER BE SUPPORTED LOGISTICALLY.
THE SOLE FOLLOW-ON SYSTEM CURRENTLY IN US INVENTORY IS THE
VULCAN, A RADAR-CONTROLLED SIX-BARREL, 20MM, GATLING-TYPE
RAPID-FIRE WEAPON. VULCAN IS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED, AND
RELEASE TO QATAR WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL APPROVAL. END FYI.
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